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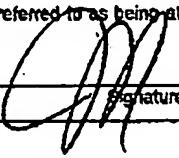
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the claims identified as being allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 11, 2005 be amended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 as set forth hereinbelow. Applicants respectfully assert that as the issue fee has not been paid, such a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is proper. Please amend the above referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims that begin on page 3.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page .**

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